

## Randolph man convicted in 2014 drive-by shooting on Route 3 in Duxbury

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State Police closed down Route 3 in Duxbury in March 2014 after a drive-by shooting during a funeral procession. Gai Scott of Randolph, who was driving the Bentley, (right) was convicted of assault and battery last week. Last Thursday, a 39-year old Randolph man was found guilty of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for his role in a drive-by shooting on Route 3 in Duxbury in March 2014.



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After a six-day trial in Plymouth district court, a jury deliberated for just over 17 hours before finding Gai Scott guilty of one count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, according to a statement issued by Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz. Scott was acquitted of the other charge against him: one count of armed assault with intent to murder.

On March 29, 2014, at approximately 11:54 a.m., State Police received several 911 calls reporting a shooting on the southbound side of Route 3 in Duxbury. Arriving at the scene, State Police saw a red Dodge SUV in the middle of the highway with bullet holes in the vehicle and blood inside it. There were shell casings and projectiles at the scene.

File photos Police arrested Gai Scott after he allegedly shot his uncle, Raymond Scott, 48, of Mansfield, during a funeral procession to a church in Plymouth. Gai Scott was traveling in a black Bentley on his way to attend the funeral of Raymond Scott's mother, Mary Scott, whose service was at St. Peter's Church in Plymouth. The funeral was held after the shooting.

Raymond Scott, who was better known as Benzino, the Boston-based rapper and cast member of the VH1 reality show "Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta," suffered non-life threatening injuries.

"At some point when the cars were side by side, Gai Scott fired several shots into the red Dodge SUV being driven by Raymond Scott," Cruz had said in a statement. "Raymond Scott was hit with gunfire."

After being shot, Raymond Scott pulled over and exited his vehicle along the highway. A passerby picked him up and took him to the Duxbury Police Department. He then went to a local hospital for treatment of his non-fatal gunshot wounds. (See story: From the Archives)

The police investigation later revealed that there had been growing family tension between Gai Scott and his uncle. Gai Scott told police that he feared for his wife and baby when he shot at the red SUV. He said his uncle had been threatening his life for a week and he feared he may be attacked so he purchased a gun a couple of days before the funeral.

Police found a handgun on the front passenger floor in a holster, another gun in the glove box and a third lying on the rear passenger floor in a cocked position. All three firearms were taken into custody by the police.

Plymouth Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Locke set Gai Scott's sentencing for Friday, August 26.

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### **First on the scene**

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It was an unusual call, the one that came in Saturday just before noon, but Duxbury's emergency crews were prepared to respond immediately.

A 911 call came in at approximately 11:59 a.m. on Saturday, March 29 to the Duxbury Regional Emergency Communications Center. A frantic woman said she had a person who had been shot in the vehicle with her. She had taken the victim off of the highway and was traveling down Mayflower Street. Unfamiliar with the area, she needed assistance finding her way to help.

Dispatchers worked with the woman, directing her to the Duxbury Police Station. Less than a minute after the call had come in, emergency crews were at the police station, ready to help the victim.

"It was a serious wound," said Captain Paramedic Rob Reardon. "He was bleeding very heavily."

Duxbury paramedics applied a tourniquet to the wound, inserted an IV into the patient and treated him for shock. Two rode in the back of the ambulance with the patient to South Shore Hospital. Those two paramedics, Firefighter Paramedic Timmy Geary and Firefighter Paramedic Jack Ahern, have a combined 25 years experience with the Boston EMS, something Reardon said is invaluable to the department.

"We don't often see shootings like this in Duxbury," Reardon said. "To have guys in our department who have experience with treating those types of wounds is tremendous."

Reardon said it's unusual to have a case in which two paramedics are required to ride with the patient during transport. Most cases require only one.

The shooting victim, 48-year-old Raymond Scott, a well-known Boston-based rapper who goes by the stage name Benzino, thanked the Fire Department for their assistance after the shooting. Scott suffered a gunshot wound to the right shoulder and was grazed by a bullet on his back.